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### **GILL BATTERIES AWARDED AN FAA PMA TO INSTALL ITS NEW-GENERATION 7000 SERIES LEAD-ACID BATTERY ON AIRBUS (EUROCOPTER) EC135/145 HELICOPTERS**

*Gill's sealed lead-acid battery is designed to meet the specific needs of helicopter operators with higher starting and residual power along with lower acquisition and maintenance costs.*

Redlands, CA, (June 14, 2017) — Representatives of Teledyne Battery Products, “Gill Batteries”, a division of Teledyne Technologies, announced today that the company has received FAA Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA) that will permit the installation of its new-generation 7000 Series (7638-44) sealed lead-acid battery on Airbus (Eurocopter) EC135/145 helicopters.

“No matter where in the world they are located or what missions they are performing, EC135 and EC145 operators have one thing in common: They want a higher-performing, lower-cost battery, and that is what they will find with our (7638-44), lead-acid battery,” Gill Batteries General Manager, Armando Chacon said. “At any altitude or climate, the 7000 Series will reliably deliver the power necessary for efficient starting of your aircraft under the most demanding conditions.”

“In addition, the sealed lead-acid design of the 7638-44 battery is proven to be safer by eliminating any possible issues with thermal runaway, requires less maintenance and less recharge during storage, and is roughly one-third the cost of a Ni-Cad battery,” he said. “All 7000 Series batteries come fully-charged from the Gill factory, versus a Ni-Cad battery, which requires initial charging prior to installation. All these benefits make the 7638-44 battery a better choice for EC135 and EC145 operators.”

About the new-generation Gill 7000 Series (7638-44) battery for Airbus (Eurocopter) EC135/145 helicopters:

- FAA PMA'd as a direct replacement for Ni-Cad & other lead acid batteries
- Lead-acid design means no possibility of thermal runaway
- Higher starting power for more robust starts than competitive lead acid batteries
- Up to two-times faster recovery from a deep discharge than a Ni-Cad battery
- More residual power after start up than competitive lead acid batteries
- Longer interval before initial capacity check (18 months or 1,800 hours)
- Sealed, non-HazMat
- Lower acquisition and maintenance costs than competitive batteries
- Industry leading warranty

### **About Gill Batteries**

Founded in 1920 and located in Redlands, California, Gill Batteries, also known as Teledyne Battery Products, is a division of Teledyne Technologies. Today, Gill batteries are the “Original Equipment Battery” for many commercial, private and military fixed-wing and rotary aircraft. Gill battery products are proven to last and out-perform the competition. The pink Gill battery is recognized world wide as the standard of excellence in primary battery power for business and general aviation piston, turbine, and turbojet-powered aircraft and helicopters. In addition to their batteries the company also provides battery chargers, capacity testers, accessories, start cart batteries, battery maintenance training, and FAA Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) kits. For more information, visit: [www.gillbatteries.com](http://www.gillbatteries.com)

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